

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Survivor's Form for Benefits.

OMB Number: 1215-0069 (Revision).

Form Number: CM-912, CM-1089.

Frequency: One time application.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,300.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 440.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$945.

Description: This collection of information is required to administer the benefit payment provision of the Black Lung benefits Act for survivors of deceased coal miners. This information collection request revises the current form CM-912, and to incorporate information formerly collected on the Form CM-1089, Survivor's Notification of Benefit's Death, approved under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1215-1089. Upon OMB approval of the revised CM-912, CM-1089 will be eliminated.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Evaluation of the Impact of Job Corps on Participant's Postprogram Labor Market and Related Behaviors—Follow-up Questionnaire and Process Study Protocols.

OMB Number: 1205-0360 (Extension).

Frequency: Twice.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 14,168.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 26,512.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Data from follow-up questionnaires will be used to measure impacts of Job Corps on participants' earning and related behavior. Data will be used to estimate the benefits and costs of Job Corps.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Procedures for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas.

OMB Number: 1205-0207 (Extension).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: State or Local governments.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 208 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: DOL issues an annual list of labor surplus areas (LSAs) so that Federal agencies can direct procurement contracts to employers in high unemployment areas. The annual surplus areas list is updated during the year based upon petitions submitted to DOL by State employment security agencies requesting additional areas for classification.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Standardized Participant Information Report for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IV, Section 402 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs.

OMB Number: 1205-0350 (Extension).

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 18 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 954 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$265,000.

Description: Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers, Employment and Training Programs' requires grantees to collect and report standardized information on participants of JTPA Title IV, Section 402-funded programs.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration; Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study

of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related

Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts." This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at (703) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual

edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of June 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal Agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c) (2) (A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the *"The Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys."*

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contracting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 11, 1998.

BLS is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Survey, comprised of the Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys, collects data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditures patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Survey has been an ongoing survey since 1979.

The data from the Consumer Expenditure Survey is used to 1) provide data required for the CPI revision; 2) provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation; and 3) provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policy making agencies of the executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policy makers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Survey was not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely as well as more accurate updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand—from the public and private sectors—for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over

five calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CU's being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures which respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

Current Actions

The sample sizes for the Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys will be expanded by approximately 50 percent. Data from the CE are the basis for determining the market basket of the CPI. Expansion of the CE sample size, taken together with other enhancements planned by BLS, will enable BLS to cut substantially the time it takes to update the CPI. The CPI market basket is updated approximately every ten years and under current procedures the updated market is 3½ years old at the time of introduction. Under this proposed action, the length of the required expenditure base period will be cut from three years to two. Other processing changes will allow the length of time required to install a new market basket in the index to be reduced from two years to one. Thus, at the time of its introduction into the CPI, the updated market will be only 2 years old. Moreover, these enhancements to sample size and data processing will facilitate any future decision to increase the frequency of market basket updates, e.g., from a 10-year to a 5-year cycle beginning in 2002.

Expansion of CE sample sizes for the CE and the construction of the computer systems required for faster data processing will have the added benefit of allowing BLS to produce new "superlative" measures of consumer price trends of an acceptable degree of reliability and on a basis much closer to real time than would be possible in the absence of the expansion. Such indexes, currently available only in experimental form, are widely regarded a closer approximations to cost-of-living index than the current CPI.